

In the Claims:

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27. (new) A garment suitable for one of athletes and motorcyclists, the garment comprising :

a jacket comprising a plurality of airbags to ensure an active protection of the upper part of a body of one of athletes and motorcyclists against one of trauma and fracture due to one of falls and impact against an obstacle, said airbags being associated to an inflating device activated by electronic means in response to the detection of one of risk and danger signals emitted by sensors;

wherein the jacket further comprises a front opening offset from a centerline of the garment;

wherein a first of said airbags extends from one side to the other of a chest above the sternum;

and wherein said inflating device is also comprised in the jacket.

28. (new) The garment of claim 27, wherein the inflating device comprises pyrotechnics.

29. (new) The garment of claim 28, wherein said sensors are one of incorporated and not incorporated in the jacket.

30. (new) The garment of claim 27, wherein a second airbag is arranged on a back portion of the jacket.

31. (new) The garment of claim 30, wherein said first and second airbag are covered by flaps, the flaps being releasably joined to a remaining portion of the garment.

32. (new) The garment of claim 27 further comprising a support means for housing the inflating device, said support means being joined to an inside of the jacket.

33. (new) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means comprises a belt.

34. (new) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means comprises a band for winding around the chest.

35. (new) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means comprises a strap.

36. (new) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means also houses said electronic means.

37. (new) The garment of claim 27 further comprising a bottom portion for covering a bottom part of a body.